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1. On about 20 September there were approximately 500 U.S. prisoners of war in Seoul at the following locations: Eighty in the basement of Hwasin Department Store, 150 at Inchang Middle School, and 70 in an unidentified building near Tonghwa Department Store. Between 22 and 26 September these prisoners left for Pyongyang.
2. In early September approximately 30 U.S. prisoners of war were killed in Seoul because they refused to parade through the city.
3. From July to September the U.S. POW enclosure at Seoul was visited daily by members of the North Korean Internal Affairs Office in Seoul who tried to indoctrinate the prisoners with Communist ideas and to force them to sign statements prepared by the Communists demanding withdrawal of UN forces in Korea and praising the North Korean government. If the prisoner refused to sign, he received severe physical punishment (unspecified).

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